

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	:	
Chiu, et al.	:	
Serial No. 07/525,943	:	Group Art Unit: 132
Filed: May 17, 1990	:	Examiner: Joseph Golian
For: BULKING AGENTS AND PROCESSES FOR	:	
PREPARING THEM FROM FOOD GUMS	:	

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

SIR:

This amendment is in response to a first office action mailed on December 26, 1990. The Examiner withdrew Claims 9, 10 and 12-18 from consideration and rejected Claims 1-8, 11 and 19-26, all remaining claims pending in the application.

The Examiner made final his restriction requirement and in response to Applicants' election with traverse of the claims of Group I, withdrew Claims 9, 10 and 12-18 from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention or species.

All remaining elected claims, Claims 1-8, 11 and 19-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

All pending claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b), or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 over U.S. Pat. No. 3,901,874, issued August 26, 1975, to Hill ("Hill"), either alone or in view of stated art. The Examiner cites to European Patent Application No. 0,301,440 of Barnett, et al., published February 1, 1989 ("Barnett"); U.S. Pat. No. 4,200,661, issued April 29, 1980, to Brigand ("Brigand") and to U.S. Pat. No. 4,668,519, issued May 26, 1987, to Dartney, et al. ("Dartney") in the rejection under Sections 102(b) and 103.

Applicants' respectfully traverse each and every rejection.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, line 33, please delete "Glu" from the representative structure and substitute in place thereof -- Gul --.

On page 7, line 34, please delete "Guluronic" and substitute in place thereof -- Glucuronic --.

On page 7, line 40, first occurrence, please delete "Glu-COOH = Guluronic" and substitute in place thereof -- Gul-COOH = Glucuronic --.